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Food and Drug Administration

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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to support permanent mandatory labeling of irradiated foods with a disclosure statement and the radura symbol.

I believe labeling of irradiated foods is essential to protecting my right to make an informed choice about the food I buy. I object to any proposal to reduce the size of the disclosure statement and radura or move the labeling to a less conspicuous part of the food packaging or produce displays. I also believe that labeling should be required for food containing irradiated ingredients, as well as foods in their whole form.

Also, changing the terminology of labeling to "cold pasteurization" or other names to replace "treated by irradiation" or "treated with radiation" would be misleading to consumers who have become familiar with irradiation labeling in place since 1986.

Including an expiration date for labeling irradiated food would essentially eliminate my right to choose the types of product I purchase. Again, I support prominent and permanent labeling of all irradiated foods.

Sincerely,

*Emilio Rafati*

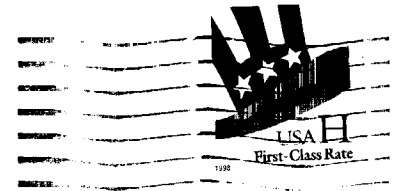
*Is it wrong to know the whole truth?*

*We are destroying the purity and strength we received from pure foods!*

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